



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Gig Harbor, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Gig Harbor was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located on Puget Sound, Gig Harbor (population 6,500) had an early industrial history centered around lumber, boat building, and commercial fishing. Today, poverty levels in the city range from 12.9 to 21 percent. There are an estimated 243 brownfields sites in the city, many along the waterfront and within its urban core. These sites pose potential threats to human health and the environment, and deter development. The targeted cleanup site, which will provide unrestricted access to the waterfront, is part of a proposed city park that will honor the town's boat building heritage while contributing to economic development opportunities. Brownfields reuse will help generate revenues through new tourist-oriented businesses, provide opportunities for new retail



Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Gig Harbor for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Eddon Boatyard Park at 3711 Harborview Drive. The site is contaminated with heavy metals, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and PCBs. Contamination is from operations at an adjacent boatyard between the 1940s and 1980s. Funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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and restaurant development, and create new recreational and open space.